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# On Campus



## BIKE COPS

By Sheila Conway Eison

You bet their grown-ups in their youth didn't let them bike up the front steps and hop over curbs.

Today, however, WKU Police Officers Gordon Turner and Mike Waldrop can do almost anything they please on their bikes—in the interest of protecting the public.

The two are Kentucky's only certified police cyclist instructors, among only 147 in the world.

Their certification, which they earned at Middle Tennessee State University, qualifies the two to teach other officers how to properly patrol on bikes.

Turner, who is Public Safety Student Patrol Coordinator, says there are three big advantages to being a bike cop when you're on the job.

"First it helps in community policing. We're more approachable when we're on our bikes; people aren't afraid of us.

"A second advantage involves stealth patrol. We're quiet. Say someone's up to something in the parking structure. We can't be heard so easily coming upon them.

"And we can go anywhere we want to."

Officer Waldrop agrees. "I've noticed when I'm out riding in the spring, other bikers will stop and start talking to me about biking. It's fun. I think people see a guy on a bike and they're not put off like they'd be if they saw an officer sitting behind the glass in a vehicle.

"And bikes definitely have a mechanical advantage over someone on foot," Waldrop says, inviting Turner to relate a true story that was published by the International Police Mountain Bike Association's newsletter as one of the best of 1995.

"It was about 1 a.m. and I was on my shift when my lieutenant radioed me about a guy drinking outside the Fine Arts Center," Turner relates.

"I was on my bike at the shuttle stop, and I could hear him taking off running. I was going to catch up with him at 15th street, but he spotted the police coming from



Public Safety Bike Patrol Officers Gordon Turner, left, and Mike Waldrop, right.

-Photo by David Pierini

another direction, and he took off running down an alley behind the SAE house. I continued to follow him and it was downhill for me, so it was easy for me to catch up with him. I tapped him on the shoulder and asked him if he was through running.

"I'm running from the cops," he told me, and he went right on running—for about 15 seconds. Then he realized he was talking to the cop that was chasing him. I dismantled and caught him."

Officer Turner's been at WKU five years and Officer Waldrop four.

The two volunteered for the bike training because both agree biking presents an innovative way of working within the University community. Officer Turner, however, confesses he can get his physical workouts on the job too. The biking "keeps me in shape. And I love teaching it," he adds.

"They're good," says WKU Police Maj. Ed Wilson, to whom WKU's bike cops report. "They are a real asset to the public we serve," he says.

The two will be teaching sessions next month at Fort Campbell, Ky. "About 25 or 30 soldiers," says Turner.

Also, in May, they'll be holding a course in Lexington for about the same number of police officers from four states, and they are looking forward to teaching a Bike Safety Rodeo Course for youngsters 8 to 12 years old, sponsored by Toys R Us May 18, teaching them proper ways to cross the street and in general, how to maneuver their bikes appropriately.

"There's a lot of satisfaction too, in not doing the every day thing like patrolling in a car or walking a beat," says Waldrop, adding: "I just love it."

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## Dr. Robert W. Jefferson, Business Dean

Dr. Robert W. Jefferson will join the Bowling Green College of Business Administration at Western Kentucky University as dean effective July 1.

Dr. Jefferson currently is dean of the College of Business at Illinois State University-Normal, a position he has held since 1989. Before that, he was dean of the College of Business at Western Illinois University in Macomb.

Dr. Jefferson received his doctorate from the University of Iowa in the fields of marketing, administrative communication, organizational behavior and theory. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in business education from the University of Northern Iowa.

He replaces Dr. J. Michael Brown, who resigned as dean of the Bowling Green College of Business Administration in June, 1995, to return to full-time teaching. Dr. Jack Hall Jr., head of the



Dr. Robert W. Jefferson

Accounting Department, has been serving as interim dean.



Candace Rogers, 12, of Scottsville, applies makeup during a clowning class at Western Kentucky University's super Saturday Seminars. Nearly 700 high-ability students in grades 1-6 participated in 44 classes month through Western's Center for Gifted Studies.

-Photo by David Pierini

## Endowment honors John B. Holland

William Farley, chairman and chief executive officer of Fruit of the Loom, announced that Fruit of the Loom, Inc. is funding a \$200,000 scholarship endowment at Western Kentucky University in honor of John B. Holland, retiring Fruit of the Loom president and chief operating officer.

Farley said the John Holland/

Fruit of the Loom Scholarship Endowment, established within the WKU Foundation, will provide tuition for four students a year at WKU beginning with the 1996 fall semester. Preference will be given to the dependent children of Fruit of the Loom employees.

"This will serve as a reminder in perpetuity of the outstanding leadership that John Holland has provided Fruit of the Loom during his 34 years of service at the company," Farley said.

"This is a wonderful way to pay tribute to an outstanding leader not only in Bowling Green, but also in the international marketplace," said WKU President Thomas C. Meredith.

Rick Guillaume, chairman of the WKU Foundation board, said the scholarship will serve several purposes.

"This not only honors John Holland, it gives children of Fruit of the Loom employees an opportunity to further their education," Guillaume said. "This honors the past while making an investment in our future."

## Dial up Western Online

President Meredith has announced that free and unlimited dial-up access to Western Online will soon be available from off-campus for all full-time faculty, staff and optional retirement faculty.

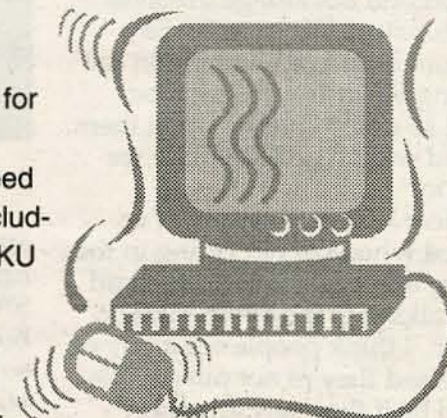
The service was originally set up in an agreement between Western and MCI in August 1995, and is currently available for \$12 per month for 60 hours of access. This bulk purchase of Internet access for faculty and staff was part of a comprehensive renegotiation of all University MCI contracts, according to Dr. Charles Anderson, Assistant Vice President for Finance and Administration.

Western Online provides high speed (28.8 kbs) access to the Internet including the World Wide Web and the WKU Library's Topcat service. Access to campus cc:Mail electronic mail accounts will also be possible by the time the service is initiated. Toll-free dialing is available in Warren County, Glasgow, Daviess and Hardin Counties. Calls from other counties will be long distance.

Minimum hardware configurations recommended for remote dial-up access are a 386 computer operating with windows 3.1 or higher, 4MB of RAM, and at least a 14.4 kbs modem.

Arrangements are expected to be completed in the near future, and procedures for requesting the service will be announced. All requests will be processed in Finance and Administration. This is a bulk purchase; therefore, faculty and staff should not contact MCI directly, Anderson says.

President Meredith emphasized that "...this is another important step in connecting the Western community to the information highway, and another example of the University's commitment to the use of information technology."



## On Campus

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## Sharing the gift of music

A Western Kentucky University alumnus has given the University the gift of music in the form of three vintage stringed instruments.

The Rev. James Coleman of Jasper, Texas, gave the Music Department a 1769 Andreas Kempler violin; a 1912 Salvadore de Durro violin, and a 1936 Johannes Albrecht viola. Total appraised value of the gift is more than \$13,000.

Coleman, a retired United States Army chaplain, has had a love for music that dates back to 1937 when he was a junior studying violin under the direction of Weldon Hart at Western's Training School. He was able to finish a year and a half of college before World War II interrupted his education.

He finished his degree five years later and was involved in



The Rev. James Coleman of Jasper, Tex., center, and his wife, Mrs. Lois Coleman, have given WKU's Department of Music valuable musical instruments to be used by students for learning. Right, Dr. John Duff, Head of WKU's Department of Music.

everything musical from beginning to end.

"Because of that wonderful beginning and preparation at Western, music has been a major factor in my life to this day,"

Coleman said.

He has played in community symphonies in four cities, including 14 years with the Beaumont (Texas) Symphony on viola.

"I have always felt that young

musicians progress further and more rapidly with a decent instrument than with the usual rental fare," Coleman said.

"Therefore, I would like to make a gift of them to Western, the only provision being that they be well maintained and used for that purpose so long as they are serviceable."

Dr. John Duff, head of Western's Music Department, said the instruments will be used by music students with exceptional talent to help them in their violin and viola studies at Western.

The viola has been assigned to Carrie Kurtz, a sophomore music major from Louisville. She studies viola with Dr. Dwight Pounds and William Goodwin and is a member of the Bowling Green-Western Symphony Orchestra.

## WKU Adult Day Care Center: 'We're number one' again!

For the second consecutive year, Western Kentucky University's Adult Day Health Care Center has been named the top center in Kentucky.

The ranking by the Kentucky Association for Gerontology cites innovative programming that includes a unique partnership between the center the WKU as the reason for the top honors, according to Center Director Jeane Robertson.

"I have between 450 and 500 students a year who serve some kind of practicum, internship or do work here as part of a class assignment, and that enables them to spend time on an individual basis with these elder people," Robertson said. "They grow from the experience and the older people certainly benefit from the attention they get from the young people."

Many of the students come back to work for the center after gradu-

ation, she said.

Intergenerational blending also involves young children from toddlers to secondary school students, she said. "We find that its just a good blend to have these young people have the opportunity to learn of the experiences of the elder people. It gives them a lot of courage and teaches them respect."

Adult day care is a growing concept in Kentucky, Robertson said, with 73 centers in the state. Western's center has 54 clients with 64 more on a waiting list. "There just isn't enough money to serve all of the people who need us and

that's unfortunate because if it weren't for day care, they would be in a long-term health care setting," she said.



live at home instead of a nursing home. "Caregivers can maintain their employment, knowing that their elderly family members are being cared for in a professional setting," Robertson said.

The center also provides residents with programs in swim-

ming, walking, weight lifting, arts, crafts and recreation as well as weekly outings.

The Adult Day Health Care Center is funded, in part, under a contract Western has with the Barren River Area Development District and the Cabinet for Human Resources. Additional funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Clients are also accepted on a private pay basis and Home Community Based Waiver Program through the Department of Medicaid.

The center is open Monday-Saturday. Robertson said it will also be open on Sundays beginning in the fall.



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## Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

### MUSIC

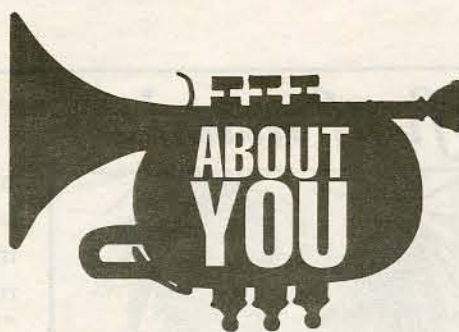
Michael Kallstrom's composition for double bass and piano, **ZING!** was premiered at the University of Georgia in January by bassist Milton Masciadri. It also will be performed by professor Masciadri on concert tours of Italy and South America this spring. **AROUND THE CLOCK**, Kallstrom's composition for alto saxophone and tape, premiered at Millsaps College in Jackson, Miss. last month by Professor Gail Levinsky of Mississippi State University.

Dr. Kallstrom's composition for trumpet and piano, **MOON'S MORNING**, was premiered for the Southeastern Composers League Forum at the University of Southwestern Louisiana March 1 by Dr. Marshall Scott and Dr. Donald Speer of WKU's music faculty. Kallstrom is currently president of the Southeastern Composers League. The piece was performed at Dr. Kallstrom's faculty recital March 10, during which the composer's string quartet, **SUNFIELDS**, was premiered by the Lindsay String Quartet. Excerpts from Dr. Kallstrom's new solo opera, **GHOSTS!!**, also were premiered during the recital.

## Business Administration

### MARKETING

Dr. Lou Turley and Rich Shannon presented *An Exploratory Study of Recall Rates on In-Area Advertising* at the 1996 Academy of Business Administration National Conference. Their paper will be published in the meeting's *Proceedings*.



## Education and Behavioral Sciences

### CONSUMER AND FAMILY SCIENCES

Dr. Joyce Rasdall presented *Salient Issues in Family and Consumer Sciences in Higher Education* at the invitation of Eastern Illinois University last month. She has been named to serve a second term on the Consumer Advisory Council of Underwriters Laboratories Inc. in Chicago, Ill.

### EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Dr. Eileen Williams and Lisa Murrell of Educational Leadership and Charlene Manco of TRIO Training Programs presented *Head for the Edge: Productive Use of Electronic Messaging* at the Southeastern Association of Education Opportunity Program Personnel in Atlanta, Ga. Feb. 11-14.

### GEOGRAPHY AND GEOLOGY

Dr. David Keeling presented *Sociospatial Dynamics of Economic Globalization in Argentina* at the annual meeting of the Royal Geographical Society/Institute of British Geographers in Glasgow, Scotland.

Dr. Nick Crawford, Dr. Chris Groves and Rick Tucker organized and presented a workshop sponsored by the American Institute of Professional Geologists.

## Institutional Advancement

### ALUMNI AFFAIRS

The WKU Alumni Association has received an Award of Excellence from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District III for its alumni relations programming.

Some of the individual programs cited include the Phonathon fundraiser, Parents Club, alumni club network, *Alumni Magazine*, reunions, Hall of Distinguished Alumni, Student Alumni Association and the Graduation Fair.

Gene Crume is Director of Alumni Affairs.

### UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

The Office of University Relations, in conjunction with Educational Television and Admissions, won an Award of Excellence in the CASE Films & Videotapes category for the recruiting video, *World of Western*. Individual recognition goes to Jerry Barnaby, Greg Purpus and Jeff Younglove.

## Science, Technology and Health

### MATHEMATICS

Faculty gave the following presentations at the joint meeting of the Kentucky and Tennessee Academy of Science in Bowling Green:

James Barksdale Jr., *A Quasi-Classical Polynomial Family*;

Claus Ernst, *The Energy of a Knotted Space Curve*;

Joseph Stokes, *Some Algebraic Properties of the Convolution Integral*;

Carroll Wells, *Hands-On Activities for the Geometry Classroom*;

John Spraker, *Sequences and Series But What About Products?*;

Mark Robinson, *Partial Differential Equations: Invariance and Evolution*.

Robinson presented *Schrödinger Equations and Orthogonal Spline Collocation* at the Mississippi State University Department of Mathematics and Statistics Colloquium.

John Darnell will present *A z-Transform Model to Predict Network Response Time* at the 1996 spring conference of the Southeastern Section of the American Society for Engineering Education in Gatlinburg, Tenn. next month.

Matthew Dettman will present *Breaking Down the Walls of the Classroom* at the 1996 meeting of the American Society for Engineering Education, Gulf-Southwest Section, in San Antonio, Tex. March 16.

### NURSING

Donna Blackburn, assistant professor of nursing, presented *The Influence of Social Support on Adjusting to Rheumatoid Arthritis* at the ninth annual Graduate Student Research Day last month at Vanderbilt University. She presented *Living with Rheumatoid*

*Arthritis: Past, Present and Future* at the meeting of the Southern Nursing Research Society in Miami Beach, Fla.

Sue Bryant, associate professor of nursing, presented *Innovation and Excellence: the Army School of Nursing 1917-1931* at the Southern Nursing Research Society meeting in Miami Beach.

## On 'The Outskirts'

*The Outskirts* have been playing and writing music in the Bowling Green area for about four years, and two of the group's members are Susan Morris, (percussion) special populations assistant for the Community College at WKU and Janine Keirnan, (bass) project fiscal coordinator for Training and Technical Assistance Services.

Last March the group released its first CD, *Running from the Rescue*, which is airing on various commercial and public radio stations.

In honor of Women's history month, they will perform at the Barren River Lake State Resort Park March 22 at 8 p.m. for the Kentucky Women's Sounds, and the band will be performing at the Baker Street Cafe in Bowling Green March 29 at 9:30 p.m.

## Rotary scholarships need recipients

Faculty are asked to inform your students about three scholarships the local Rotary District is offering for 1997-98.

Deadline is April 12 to apply for one regular academic year overseas, and may be used for almost any field of study, up to \$22,000.

The scholarships are to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries.

Applicants must have completed at least two years of university course work or have been employed in a recognized vocation for at least two years. Rotarians or relatives of Rotarians may not apply.

Funding is for round-trip transportation, language training, academic fees for a normal course load and some educational supplies and reasonable living costs.

For more information and application forms, call Dr. Margaret Curtis-Howe, Department of Philosophy and Religion, 745-3136.



Note: **Hot Off The Press**, as the title indicates, includes recent publications by WKU faculty and staff. Send items addressed to **Hot Off The Press**, %On Campus, Office of University Relations.

**Dr. Lynn Clark**, Psychology, has had a second edition of **SOS Help for Parents** published by Parents Press. The first edition sold more than 140,000 copies internationally.

**Dennis George** of Engineering Technology has had **A Field Evaluation of a Mathematical Model to Predict Worker Exposure to Solvent Vapors** accepted for publication with Michael R. Flynn in the **Applied Occupational and Environmental Hygiene Journal**.

**Dr. Patricia Lassk**, Marketing, has had **Total Quality Management in Marketing Curricu-**

**lum** accepted for publication in the **Journal of Marketing Education**.

**Dr. Elizabeth McClellan**, Geography and Geology, had **Subduction-Related Volcanism in the Gula Nappe, Southeastern Trodheim Nappe Complex, Central Norway**, published in **Norges Geologiske Undersokelse Bulletin**, v. 428, 1-26, 1995.

**Dr. James R. Ramsey**, Economics, and **Dr. Merl Hackbart** of the University of Kentucky have had **State and Local Debt Policy and Management** published in the **Handbook of Debt Management**, edited by Gerald J. Miller of Rutgers University. Publisher: Marcel Dekker, Inc., N.Y.

**Dr. Michael Trapasso** had **Water Wisdom of the Ancients** published in **Civil Engineering**, v. 66, n.1, pp. 64-66, 1996.



## Ideas!



Garth Whicker in Institutional Research is now leading the University's Committee on Ideas for Efficiency, and he's looking for volunteers.

Also, if you have ideas, you may contact him at 745-5703 or e-mail his office in Wetherby Administration Building.

Ideas for Efficiency is a program begun by President Thomas C. Meredith to reward faculty and staff financially for suggestions which would improve efficiency on campus.

## Women's Advisory Committee

The Women's Advisory Committee to the President is now accepting nominations for two positions that will become vacant in July.

One faculty representative and one support staff member are needed to fill the vacancies.

Meetings with the President are three times a year, and the term is for two years.

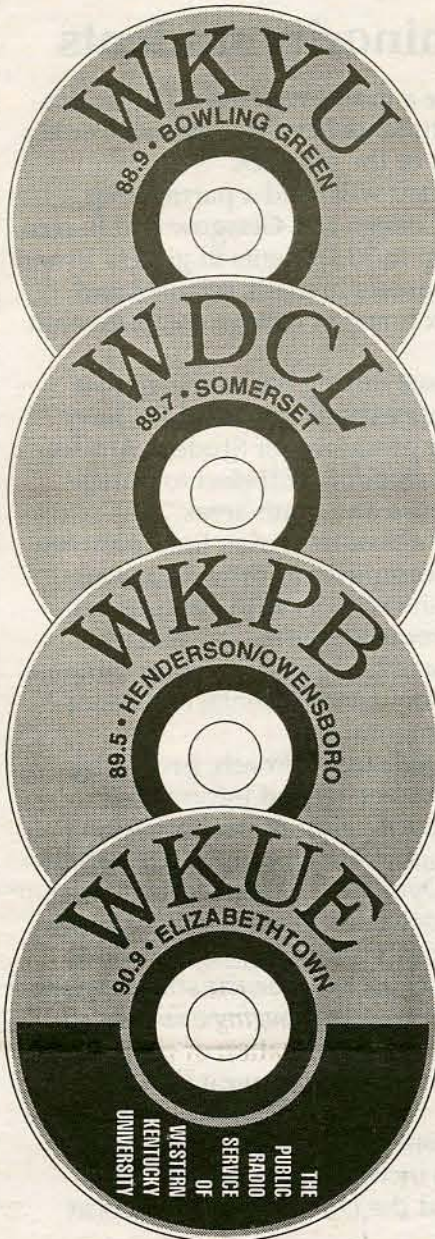
Anyone interested in serving on this committee should contact as soon as possible, one of the present members: Betsy Schoenfelt, 745-4418, Ann Eads Brown, 745-6153, Nancy Carwell, 745-3757, Debi Wade Jordan, 745-2551, or Bobbie Thomas, 745-3253.

## Don't forget:

Some international students need places to stay during Spring Break.


If you can help, call 745-4857. Thanks!





# SPRING MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

## MARCH 25-30



## Faculty Library Award

Nominations for the 1995 Faculty Library Award are now being accepted by a University Libraries committee, chaired by Sandra Staebell.

The Faculty Library Award is presented annually to a Western faculty member "who contributes consistently and notably to the use and development of WKU Libraries and Kentucky Museum."

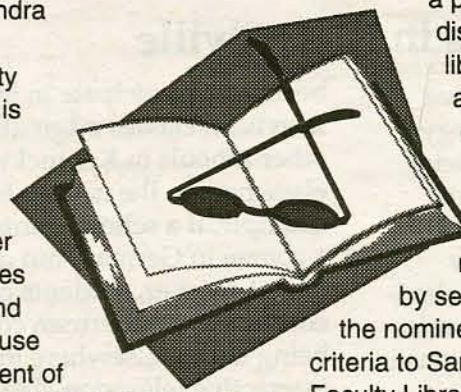
Award recipients are recognized at the Western Authors Reception, sponsored each year by University Libraries. **This year, the event is scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 3:40-4:30 p.m., 5th Floor, Cravens**

### Library.

The Faculty Library Award recipient's name is also engraved on a plaque permanently displayed in the main library, and an addition to a library or museum collection will be made in his or her honor.

Any University faculty, staff or student may submit nominations by sending a letter telling how the nominee meets the selection criteria to Sandra Staebell, chair, Faculty Library Award Committee, The Kentucky Museum.

For more information, call (502) 745-6260.



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## Grant will help area minority students

Western Kentucky University will use a grant from the GTE Foundation to help prepare selected minority students from two Barren County high schools for a college career in math or the sciences.

The two-year, \$30,000 GTE FOCUS Grant will fund a partnership between WKU, Western's Community College and Glasgow and Barren County high schools that will identify up to 30 students in grades 10 and 11 and orient them toward majors and careers in math, sciences and engineering. Students can earn up to six hours of college credit in math and science areas.

"We will be working with these students during the course of two years to help prepare them for a collegiate experience," said Dr. Jerry Wilder, program director and WKU vice president for Student Affairs. "GTE is very hopeful that some of these students will elect to pursue academic programs in college in the science and math areas."

The program will use the existing interactive television links between Western's Bowling Green and Glasgow campuses to provide instruction. In addition, Western will provide the schools with educational software to augment the students' classroom activities and will also provide special programs and summer workshops on the main campus.

WKU's Community College will provide developmental assistance using faculty for advising, tutoring and mentoring.

Dr. Wilder said the grant represents a holistic approach: providing instruction for college credit; providing career-related information through outstanding WKU African-American alumni, and providing leadership development instruction through outstanding WKU African-American students participating in the Dynamic Leadership Institute.

"We are hoping that with these 30 students, we'll see a rather significant increase in the number of these students attending higher education," he said. Dr. Wilder added he also expects to see the students test scores and performance on the software provided improve as the program matures.

Western was one of 15 institutions out of 300 to receive a FOCUS grant.

"Western is in a fairly elite group of institutions that were named recipients," Dr. Wilder said. That group includes the University of Pittsburgh, the University of Virginia and the University of Illinois at Chicago.

The GTE FOCUS program was created in 1982 to help colleges and universities respond creatively to issues affecting higher education and business.

"FOCUS is part of GTE's long-standing commitment to provide educational assistance to students," said Julia A. Spicer, vice president - public affairs and director - corporate philanthropy at GTE. "Our educational assistance programs such as FOCUS help create a pool of technical talent in the United States that business will be able to draw from in the future."

## Distance tv opens in Russellville

The expansion of interactive television teaching technology continues at Western Kentucky University. Another learning classroom has opened in Russellville, linking the new facility with an interactive television classroom in the Academic Complex on Western's campus in Bowling Green.

The new facility provides interactive television services for Russellville and Logan County schools, government, business and industry.

Students in the local schools will

be able to participate in interactive television classes originating at other schools in Kentucky or elsewhere in the nation. For example, if a school wants to offer a course in German, but does not have a teacher, students could be connected to a German course being taught elsewhere in an interactive television classroom.

Students might also participate in college preparatory counseling sessions and career guidance opportunities via the interactive television facility. They can benefit from training and teleconferencing opportunities that will be available.



WKU's Kentucky Partnership for Farm Family Health and Safety conducted a farm rescue and cardiopulmonary resuscitation course last month for farm families at the Richardsville Fire Station. Susan Jones, regional coordinator of the Kentucky Partnership and an associate professor of nursing at Western, said it is important for farm family members to know first aid and CPR because of farming's dangerous nature. More than 500 people have been trained through the program in first aid and CPR. Above, Vivian McCracken demonstrates CPR.

- Photo by David Pierini

## Science on the internet



Isn't the Internet great? Especially for the sharing of ideas! Here are some interesting interpretations of nature from test papers and essays submitted to science and health teacher by junior high, high school and college (did they say that?!) students around the world.

*H<sub>2</sub>O is hot water, and CO<sub>2</sub> is cold water*

*To collect fumes of sulphur, hold a deacon over a flame in a test tube*

*When you smell an oderless gas, it is probably carbon monoxide*

*Water is composed of two gins, Oxygen and Hydrogin. Oxygen is pure gin. Hydrogin is gin and water*

*Three kinds of blood vessels are arteries, vanes and caterpillars*

*Blood flows down one leg and up the other*

*The moon is a planet just like the earth, only it is even deader*

*A super-saturated solution is one that holds more than it can hold*

*Mushrooms always grow in damp places so they look like umbrellas*

*The pistol of a flower is its only protection against insects*

*The skeleton is what is left after the insides have been taken out*

*Liter: a nest of young puppies.*

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## COMING UP

## March

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Regional FFA Events sponsored by Dept of Ag. 9:30 a. m. - 3 p. m. DUC and Garrett. David Coffey 502-745-3151.

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Hardin Planetarium presents Public Planetarium Lectures *Follow the Drinking Gourd*. 7:30 p. m. Hardin Planetarium. Department of Physics & Astronomy. 502-745-4044.

Hilltopper Baseball. Indiana Tech. 3 p. m. Nick Denes Field. 502-745-6023.

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KMEA Solo & Ensemble Festival. 8 a. m. DUC. Grise Auditorium. John Carmichael. 502-745-3751.

Jr. High State Forensics Tournament, 8 a. m. Various Campus Locations. Judy Woodring. 502-745-6340.

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Spring Break. Through March 22. Administrative offices open.

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Hilltopper Baseball. Campbellsville. 4 p. m. Nick Denes Field. Hilltopper Baseball. 502-745-6023.

Girls High School Sweet 16. E. A. Diddle Arena. Jeff Younglove 502-745-2497.

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Hilltopper Baseball. Tennessee Martin. 4 p. m. Nick Denes Field. 502-745-6023.

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Sr. High State Speech Tournament. Judy Woodring. 502-745-6340.

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Hilltopper Baseball. Southwestern Louisiana. 2 p. m. Nick Denes Field. 502-745-6023.

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Hilltopper Baseball. Southwest-

ern Louisiana. 1 p. m. Nick Denes Field. 502-745-6023.

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Dept of Music presents University Choir Tour Concert. 8 p. m. Admission charged. Van Meter Auditorium. Department of Music. 502-745-3751.

High School Programming Contest. Dept of Computer Science 7:30 am-2:30 p. m. GCC Ballroom, Exec Room, 201, 204, & 205, using South Lawn. Carol Wilson. 502-745-6225.

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The Women's Alliance presents *The Diversity of Feminism*. Noon-1 p. m. Luncheon, 1 p. m.-4:30 p. m. Workshop. Institute for Economic Development.

Orientation, Advisement, & Registration. 7 a. m. - 4:30 p. m. Van Meter Auditorium, Garrett Conference Center, Downing Univ. Center. Sharon Dyrsen. 502-745-4242.

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Dept of Music presents Jana Ballard. Tim Sexton. Junior Voice Recital. 8 p. m. Ivan Wilson Fine Arts Center Recital Hall. Department of Music 502-745-3751.

Regional Science Fair. Institute for Econ Dev. Pat Thomas. 502-745-4449.

Meeting of the National Association of Black Physicists. 8 a. m. - 5 p. m. Garrett Conference Center Auditorium. Dr. Wieb Van Der Meer 502-745-4052.

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Sigma Xi annual Student Research Conference. 8 a. m. - 5 p. m. GCC Blrm, 100, 101, 103, 205. Deborah Kuehn, 745-5984.

Race Walking Clinic (learn technique of race walking 8 a. m.-5 p. m. on 3. 30, 8 a. m. - 3 p. m. on 3. 31. Preston Health & Activities Center. Elizabeth Longton, Logan Aluminum, 502-755-6178.

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Hilltopper Baseball. Arkansas Little Rock. 2 p. m. Nick Denes Field. 502-745-6023.

Dept of Music presents *Victorian Parlor Concert*. 3 p. m. Van Meter Auditorium. Department of Music 502-745-3751

## April

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Hilltopper Baseball. Kentucky. 4 p. m. Nick Denes Field. 502-745-6023.

Distinguished Lecturer. Dept of History. 7:30 p. m. Dr Emory Thomas speaking on Robert E Lee. GCC Auditorium. Carol Crowe-Carraco 502-745-5728

Orientation, Advisement, and Registration. 7 a. m. - 4:30 p. m. DUC, VMA, GCC. Sharon Dyrsen 502-745-4242.

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Hilltopper Baseball. Austin Peay. 6 p. m. Nick Denes Field. Western Ky University. Hilltopper Baseball 502-745-6023.

Dept of Music presents Christopher Norton, Percussion. 8 p. m. Ivan Wilson Fine Arts Center Recital Hall. Department of Music 502-745-3751.

Video Seminar-"Negotiation Skills." Noon - 2 p. m. Institute For Economic Development Institute 502-745-1900 .

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Hilltopper Baseball. Vanderbilt. 6 p. m. Nick Denes Field. Hilltopper Baseball 502-745-6023.

Orientation, Advisement, and Registration. 7 a. m. - 4:30 p. m. DUC, VMA, GCC. Sharon Dyrsen 502-745-4242.

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*A Piece of My Heart*. WKU Theatre. 8 p. m. and 4. 7 at 3 p. m. Russell Miller Theatre. Dept of Theatre & Dance 502-745-5845.

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Dept of Music presents Faculty Voice Ensemble. 8 p. m. Ivan Wilson Fine Arts Center Recital Hall. Department of Music 502-745-3751.

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Hilltopper Baseball. Eastern Kentucky. 6 p. m. Nick Denes Field. 502-745-6023.

Assistive Devices That Can Help Seniors Overcome Functional Problems. Pam Cleveland, LPN. 3:30 p.m. WKU Adult Day Care Center. Julie Wade 502-745-6443.

Dept of Music presents Jazz Band Concert. 8 p. m. Garrett Conference Center. Department of Music 502-745-3751.

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Miss Black Western Pageant. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sponsored. 7 p. m. Van Meter Auditorium. Tamika McMillen 502-745-2952.

Forensics Showcase. 7:30 p. m. Garrett Conference Center Room 100. Sally Ray. Communication & Broadcasting, 745-3831.

Hilltopper Baseball. Middle Tennessee. 6 p. m. Nick Denes Field. 502-745-6023.

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Music Conference. TBA Ivan Wilson Fine Arts Center. Elizabeth Volkman 745-5914.

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Dept of Music presents Sylvia Kersenbaum, Piano. Faculty Recital. 3 p. m. Van Meter.

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Hilltopper Baseball. Louisville. 6 p. m. Nick Denes Field. 502-745-6023.

Pre-Retirement Seminar. 9 a. m. - 2 p. m. Garrett Center and DUC. Ivy Roberson, Dept of Human Resources 502-745-2072.

Concert Band Recital. 8 p. m. Van Meter Auditorium. Department of Music 502-745-3751.

Dept of Music presents University Concert Band. 8 p. m. Van Meter Auditorium, Department of Music 502-745-3751.

Video Seminar. *Swim With The Sharks*. Noon - 2 p. m. Institute For Economic Development. 502-745-1900.

Through 21. *Fabulous Feet*. WKU theatre. 8 p. m. on all except 4- 21 at 3 p. m. Russell Miller theatre.



## On a clear day, *who* can see forever?

Recent tragic accidents involving older drivers have once again focused attention on age as a risk factor for safe driving. Many older adults rely on the automobile to maintain their mobility and independence, and society must face the responsibility of meeting the mobility needs of its growing population of older citizens.

The National Institute on Aging has sponsored a systematic program of research designed to test innovative methods for identifying older individuals who are "high risk" for crash involvement. The Center for Mobility Enhancement in the Elderly at Western Kentucky University, one of the Edward R. Roybal Centers for Research in Applied Gerontology, is currently evaluating older drivers at multiple sites across the United States.

Initial studies conducted by Dr. Karlene Ball (professor of psychology at Western Kentucky University) and Dr. Cynthia Owsley (professor of ophthalmology, University of Alabama at Birmingham)

found that a novel measure of visual attention, the "Useful Field of View," or UFOV, was the best predictor of crash involvement among older drivers.

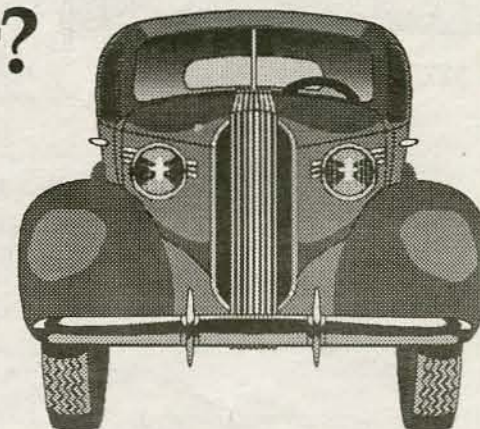
The useful field of view measures the size of the visual area that can be captured in a brief glance under various conditions.

The size of this area is dependent upon several factors, including the number of targets to be attended, the presence of distracting objects in the visual field, the time allowed to search for targets, and the distance of visual targets from the point of fixation. All of these factors are evaluated in a series of three brief subtests and a total score derived.

Drivers who had experienced a reduction in their useful field of view were 16 times more likely to have been involved in a crash during the previous five years. A subsequent study found that only 26 percent of those older drivers with moderate to severe UFOV reduction were able to remain

crash free for a period of three years, while 97 percent of the older drivers with normal visual attention remained crash free for this time period. Loss of attentional skills is a far better predictor of crash proneness than is age, eye health, visual acuity, depth perception, or any other measure of visual ability.

Recent work at the University of Iowa has confirmed these findings by showing that drivers with small useful fields of view are more prone to crashes in a high-fidelity driving simulator than those with large attentional fields. Other studies at Washington University have shown that the size of the UFOV is very sensitive to the early onset of Alzheimer's disease, and that such a measure may help identify when Alzheimer's patients should stop driving. Those drivers in the early stages of Alzheimer's with a reduced UFOV were significantly more likely to fail a driving evaluation. In fact, the UFOV measure



was a better predictor of who would fail the driving evaluation than the diagnosis itself.

While the loss of visual attention may be useful as a predictor of future driving problems, one of the key findings of the Roybal Center has been that these attentional skills can be improved with training. A study currently underway has shown that UFOV training is more effective in reducing the number of dangerous maneuvers that drivers make on the road than classroom training endure for at least a 12-month period.



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